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Subject: Support SB 931 and SB 926

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge you to support SB 931 and SB 926. I am a rural land owner. My husband and I own 140 acres of timber land in Western Oregon. Our property is adjacent to both federal and private timber land. We frequently hear helicopters fly near by and have no way of knowing if we are being sprayed with herbicides. Requiring notification of where, when and what is being sprayed would take very little effort on the part of the timber companies, and would allow us bring the family inside on those days.

Rural Oregonians are asking that they have a chance to make sure their children and pets are indoors, and their farm animals are inside the barn, chicken coop or bee box. People who get their drinking water from streams and springs on industrial timber land are asking for a chance to turn off their intake for 48 hours to avoid pesticides drifting into their water supply. Nearby organic farms are asking for the opportunity to make sure their workers are not out in the field on the day of an aerial spray.

Oregon's timber companies use standard operating procedures to help them prepare for aerial herbicide sprays—their own Guideline documents demonstrate that they know where, when and what they will spray at least 2 weeks prior to spraying herbicides. Accurate and timely notification is part of being a respectful and trusted neighbor. It is common decency between neighbors! Notification needs to be required by statute, not a voluntary, case-by-case practiced at the whim of each timber owner.

Sincerely,

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